

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN RE: NATIONAL FOOTBALL
LEAGUE PLAYERS' CONCUSSION
INJURY LITIGATION

No. 12-md-2323 (AB)

MDL No. 2323

THIS DOCUMENT RELATES TO:

Plaintiffs' Master Administrative Long-
Form Complaint and:

Robert Holt, et al. v. National Football
League, et al. (Plaintiff Gerald Riggs
And Sherry Blanton-Riggs ONLY)

Court File No. 2:12-cv-04185-AB

**MOTION FOR LEAVE TO
WITHDRAW AS COUNSEL
FOR PLAINTIFFS GERALD RIGGS
AND SHERRY BLANTON-RIGGS**

J. Gordon Rudd, Jr., Brian C. Gudmundson, and Michael J. Laird of Zimmerman Reed LLP ("Plaintiffs' Counsel"), move this Court pursuant to Pennsylvania Rule of Professional Conduct 1.16(b)(1) and United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania Local Rule of Civil Procedure 5.1(c) to withdraw as counsel in relation to the claims of Gerald Riggs and Sherry Blanton-Riggs only in this action, and state as follows:

1. Plaintiffs' counsel filed the action *Robert Holt, et al. v. National Football League, et al.*, No. 2:12-cv-04185-AB, in the Eastern District of Pennsylvania on July 23, 2012, for the benefit of several retired National Football League players, including Gerald Riggs and Sherry Blanton-Riggs.

2. Plaintiffs' counsel filed a short form complaint for Gerald Riggs and Sherry Blanton-Riggs on August 20, 2012.

3. Despite the efforts of the undersigned on Plaintiffs behalf, the NFL Concussion Settlement Claims Administrator informed Zimmerman Reed LLP that Plaintiffs retained separate counsel to represent them in this case.

4. Specifically, on November 7, 2022, the Claims Administrator issued an NFL Representation Notification (“Notice”) to Zimmerman Reed LLP, stating that Plaintiff informed the Claims Administrator that he was represented by a different lawyer, and listing Mokaram Law Firm as the “New Lawyer Requested by Settlement Class Member”.

5. The Notice provides “seven days to communicate with the Settlement Class Member and come to a resolution” before the Claims Administrator would “update the Class Member’s representation in [its] database to the new lawyer above.” Zimmerman Reed LLP has not discussed further representation with Plaintiff because he is represented by counsel. More than seven days have passed from the Notice date.

6. Under the circumstances, it is apparent that Gerald Riggs and Sherry Blanton-Riggs have hired separate counsel to represent them, that those counsel have been identified to the Claims Administrator, and that the undersigned must move the Court for leave to withdraw as counsel.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs’ counsel respectfully requests this Court for leave to withdraw as counsel for Gerald Riggs and Sherry Blanton-Riggs only in Court File No. 2:12-cv-04185-AB.

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Dated: December 15, 2022

Respectfully submitted,

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